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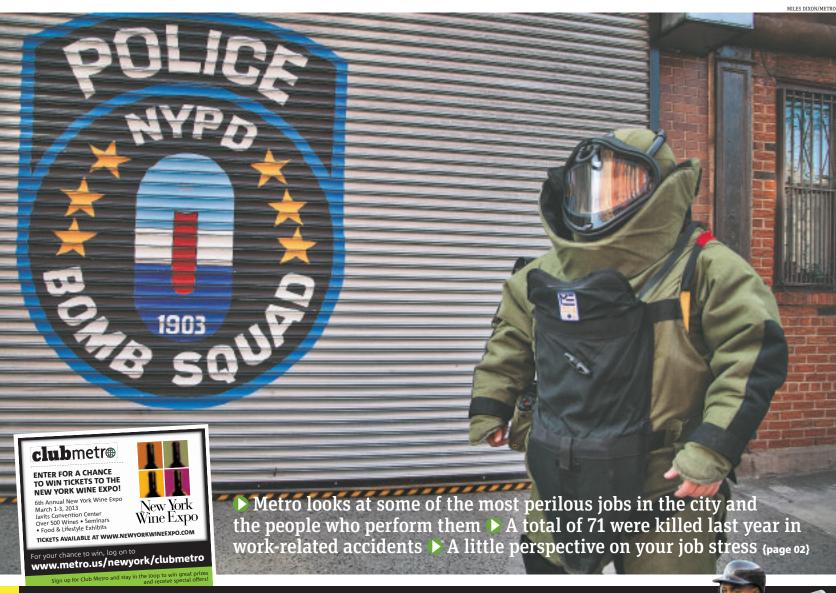
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In the news **Man killed** on FDR Drive

Jason Morales, 23, was hit by a car and killed on the FDR Drive on Sunday morning.

Morales was found with severe injuries in the center lane on the FDR Drive at East 53rd Street. The driver who the scene. He blew .000 on a Breathalyzer test. Morales was

pronounced dead at Metropolitan Hospital.

He reportedly got out of his mother's car 40th and 60th streets.

In the news



Queens fire shot once in head

At 2:35 a.m. Sunday morning, police and firemen responded to a fire at a home in South Richmond Hills in Queens.

After the fire had been put out, police discovered a 43-yearold man with burns all over his body. He was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS personnel.

A police source reports the victim was shot once in the head. @ METRO/DT

And you thought your job would be the death of you

● In the last year alone, 71 city workers died in NYC ● Highest number recorded since 2009 From electrocution to dynamite, it's all in a day's work for these pros

Running a city as large and dynamic as New York comes with a cost - sometimes that's in the form of physical injury or in the worst cases, even death. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in December that 71 New York City workers died on the job in 2011, the highest number since 2009. At the top of the most dangerous industries for workers were jobs in trade, transportation and utilities, followed by construction and government.

Metro examined five of the jobs where the threat of injury looms large.

In 29 years of maintaining the third rail on the subway for the MTA, New Jersey resident Richard Holley said he has known one co-worker who was electrocuted and another who was struck by a train. "It happens infrequently now because of all the safety regulations put in place," Holley, 52, said. To ensure the third rail is powering subway cars, Holley and his colleagues work around the clock. But rubber mats and insulated gloves have not prevented the 600-volt rails from exploding and injuring workers. "You can't put enough safety precautions there as long as we're working on the rail live," Holley said.

New York cabbies often put their life at risk, from dealing with drunken passengers to being robbed. Taxi driver Key Chun Kim was beaten into a coma on Jan. 1 over a fare.

Cab driver McDonagh said he has precautions he's learned in his years driving. He never double parks behind a car so he can pull out quickly when danger strikes. "I had a guy put a gun to my head once," McDonagh, 58, said. A native of Queens, McDonagh has been driving taxis since 1977. "Most of the problems happen at night," he said. Most challenges come from passengers who pretend to have no cash and

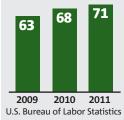
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On the job deaths

The number of New York City workers that died on the job from 2009-2011:



cab stops. He hopes the taxi-hailing app Hailo will make his job safer as users pay beforehand.

The Sandhogs have been blasting through the city's bedrock since building the Brooklyn Bridge in 1870. They are now constructing the Second

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"It's not an easy job. It breaks your body down."

"I had a guy put a gun to my head once."

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Avenue tunnel, which exploded at 72nd Street last August. No one was inworking under Park Ave. anything, people are going to get hurt," Sandhog business manager Richard Fitzsimmons said.

Sandhogs building the Second

Avenue Subway line in January 2013.

Keeping New Yorkers safe puts the lives of NYPD bomb squad workers at danger as they dismantle suspicious packages, including the Times Square car bomb from 2010. Detective Michael Oldmixon, 50, has been on the bomb squad for 13

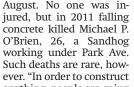
"We had a guy with improvised hand grenades on him. We had to hold him down and cut all the stuff off," he said of a Bronx incident in 2002. With bomb-sensing robots and dogs, injuries are few, although the risk remains.

Being an ironworker, one of the people, who build bridges and skyscrapers is in Barry Collins'

"It's a thrilling career," Collins, 60, said. His grandfather was an ironworker in the 1920s. His father, brother and uncles followed suit. "It's not an easy job. It breaks your body down," said Collins, a longtime Yonkers resident. "Even if you don't get seriously hurt, you're always breaking fingers." Regularly moving steel pieces seven tons or heavier means fingers and toes are easily crushed. Trauma is another risk.

"A guy falls 20 feet and he breaks his leg. It's horrible," Collins said. "You go to work and you pray that everybody goes home





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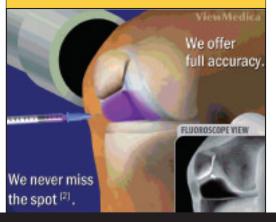
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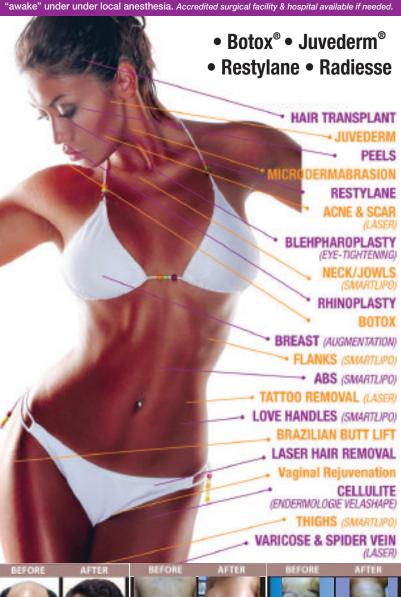
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Squeaky subway gets the grease: MTA looking at G

The MTA will review the G train line, politicians said.

State Sens. Daniel Squadron and Martin Dilan said on Friday afternoon that the MTA has ordered a full review of the line, to be completed by June.

The senators sent a letter last month asking them to look into the line, similar to previous reviews of the F and the L line.

G train riders have long complained that the trains are spaced too far apart and endure multiple service disruptions.

A Riders Alliance member said that sometimes the platform gets so crowded, "I just decide to walk 20 minutes to the L train."

"G train riders spoke," Squadron said. "Now, this Full Line Review will give



► The MTA will look at service on the G train.

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"The G train is often maligned, but its vitally important for residents of north Brooklyn."

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us real answers to lead to real changes."

"The G train is often maligned, but it's vitally important for the residents of North Brooklyn," added Riders Alliance director John Raskin.



News in brief

Man's legs severed in train accident

An incoming D train severed a man's legs Saturday night after he stumbled onto the tracks at a Bronx subway station.

The man, who police declined to identify, fell off the southbound platform at the 161st Street-Yankee Stadium stop around 9:45 p.m. The train cut off both of his legs, per the NYPD.

The victim was taken to Lincoln Hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

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King of the Lower East Side

Things got wild Friday at the 14th annual Mr. Lower East Side Pageant at Cake Shop on Ludlow Street. The contestants participated in a talent and swimsuit competition as well as question-and-answer session. In the end, there could one be only lucky gentleman to reign over the LES. That honor went to a neighborhood resident that goes by the handle Johnny Bizarre.

METRO/CASSANDRA GARRISON

News in brief

Yellow cab kills pedestrian in Kips Bay area

A taxi was rear-ende

early Sunday in Kips Bay, Manhattan, causing it to lose control and kill a female pedestrian.

Police said a Honda sedan struck the yellow cab just before 2 a.m.



while emerging from a parking spot on Third Avenue near E. 27th Street. The taxi then apparently spun toward the sidewalk, where it hit the woman.

The victim, whom police did not immediately identify, received severe leg trauma. She was pronounced dead after being transferred to nearby Bellevue Hospital Center.

Both drivers remained at the scene, and no criminality is suspected.

METRO/JG

In the news

Cops investigate hate crime on the 2 train

Police are investigating a man assaulted on the subway as a hate crime.

According to the police, on Monday, Feb. 18, around 6 p.m., a 23-year-old man



On the train, a woman began taking pictures of the victim and his friend, according to cops.

He asked her to stop, but the woman started saying

anti-gay slurs and verbally assaulting him, cops said.

Three men and three women then beat up the victim, according to cops.

The man and his friend fled the train at 96th Street and Broadway, and he was treated at the hospital for a cut over his left eve.

Cops described the first suspect as female, black, 20 to 22, with a light complexion and gray sweatpants.

The second is described

as a dark-skinned male, 20 to 22, 5-foot-9 and in a blue iacket.

The other four suspects are two men and two women, dark skinned in their early 20s. Anyone with info should call 800-577-TIPS. METRO/ALISON BOWEN

New marathon stays within **Central Park**

About 500 runners gathered

Sunday morning for what organizers called the first coed marathon held entirely in Central Park since 1975.

The marathon course essentially comprised five loops of the park, though it skipped the hilly northernmost section. A halfmarathon with roughly 1,000 participants also took place Sunday.

"It was a huge success," said David Alm, communications director for NYCRUNS.

which put on the event and plans to do so again next year. "Our race is essentially a throwback to [the original New York City Marathon]. It appeals to a certain sensibility."

The New York City Marathon stayed entirely within Central Park from 1970 to 1975, but since then has gone through all five boroughs. This past year, it was canceled because of Hurricane Sandy. METRO/JG

Cop trial to spotlight violent sex subculture

The New York federal trial of accused "cannibal cop" Gilberto Valle, due to start today, will highlight an online subculture where people trade violent sexual fantasies.

Sex crimes prosecutors, First Amendment defense attorneys and sexual behaviorists said they had never heard of a conspiracy to commit a violent sexual crime that began on a website for violent sexual fantasy role-play.

"It's the perfect alibi," said former Manhattan sex crimes prosecutor Linda Fairstein, who is not involved in the Valle case, which is being prosecuted in Manhattan.

Opening arguments were expected to begin this afternoon.

Valle has pleaded not guilty to conspiring with New Jersey mechanic Michael Van Hise to kidnap, cannibalize and kill a Manhattan woman.

Valle has said he was merely engaged in online fetish role-play and never intended to commit a crime. Federal authorities contend that he took real action outside the role-play websites.

Investigators say Valle compiled an online dossier with the names — and in some cases photos or descriptions — of more than 100 women and discussed targeting some of them for kidnap and murder.



"It's the perfect alibi."

FAIRSTEIN

They say he met one woman for brunch, improperly accessed a police database to get information on another and engaged in surveillance of a third — a high school senior of whom Valle wrote to a fellow fetishist that "she is the most desirable piece of meat I've ever met.

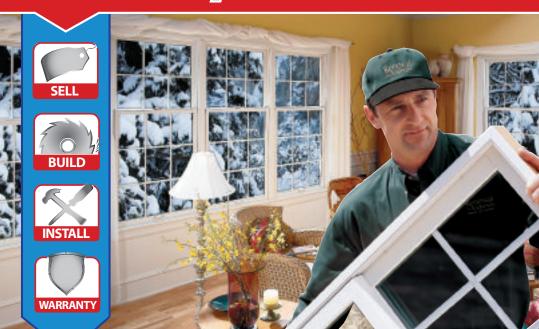
Prosecutors have also said Valle searched online for chloroform recipes so he could "knock out" a Manhattan woman and deliver her to Van Hise.

Defense attorneys for both men have said the goal of role-play is to make it as realistic as possible, enhancing the thrill.

'You draw on your real life to make it as real as possible, but it's fantasy," Van Hise's attorney Alice Fontier told a judge recently. **REUTERS**

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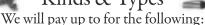
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In the news



Daytona 500 races on despite 28 injuries

DAYTONA BEACH. The Daytona 500 NASCAR race went ahead yesterday despite a crash on Saturday that injured more than 20 fans, as well as questions regarding the safety of the famous speedway and the possibility of lawsuits.

Officials said they had repaired the fencing that was damaged after the pile-up, which sent debris flying into the crowd and injuring fans on the final lap of Saturday's secondtier Nationwide race.

Halifax Health spokesman Byron Cogdell said seven people were treated for injuries at their facility but that two who were initially listed as critical are now in a stable condition. REUTERS

McCain: Hagel not qualified for defense position

WASHINGTON. Republican Sen. John McCain yesterday said his former colleague Chuck Hagel was not qualified to be U.S. defense secretary but that the Senate would likely vote on his nomination rather than hold it up with procedural hurdles.

Hagel is expected to win confirmation if a vote is held because Democrats control 55 votes in the 100-seat Senate.

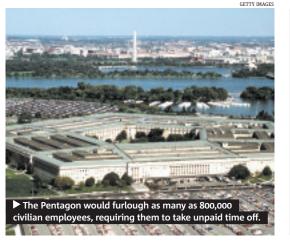
"I do not believe that Chuck Hagel, who is a friend of mine, is qualified to be secretary of defense," McCain of Arizona said on CNN's "State of the Union" show. REUTERS

Governors say spending cuts will push US back to recession

Federal budget cuts will probably push the U.S. back into recession by damaging state economies recovering from the worst fiscal crisis since the Great Depression, governors said.

President Barack Obama and Congress need to find a way to prevent \$85 billion in across-the-board spending cuts from taking effect beginning March 1, said Republican and Democratic governors who are in Washington this weekend for a meeting of the National Governors Association.

The cuts will lead to the dismissal of teachers and firefighters, and reduce projected spending by \$1.2 trillion over the next nine years, with half in defense spending and half from domestic spending. Governors said the threat of cuts has already damaged their economies, which they said will worsen if the



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Spending reductions could cost 750,000 jobs by the end of 2013.

president and lawmakers can't agree.

"I don't think there is any doubt" that the required reductions "could put us right back where we were," Jack Markell, the Democratic governor of Delaware and the chairman of the National Governors Association, said on "Fox News Sunday." The cuts would have "a real big impact on the economy and jobs," he said.

The GDP and job loss

Federal spending reductions could lower the gross domestic product by 0.6 percent and cost 750,000 jobs by the end of 2013, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The U.S. economy unexpectedly shrank in the fourth quarter, logging the worst performance since the second quarter of 2009.

The cuts would be especially visible in states where federal spending is higher, including Maryland, Virginia and Hawaii. In a Feb. 18 letter to Obama, Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell, a Republican, said the reductions could force his state into a recession.

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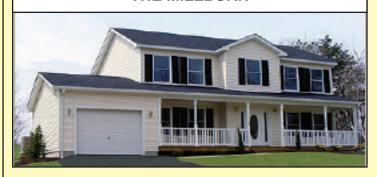


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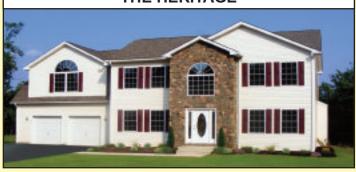
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In the news



Fidel Castro makes surprise appearance

HAVANA. Retired Cuban leader Fidel Castro made a rare public appearance yesterday by joining the opening session of the National Assembly, state media reported amid speculation that the gathering could give clues on planning for a future leadership succession.

Since falling ill in 2006 and ceding the presidency to his brother, Fidel Castro has given up all official positions except as a deputy in the National Assembly. At yesterday's session, he took his seat beside broth-

er President Raul Castro, only the second time he has graced the assembly chambers since his illness and the first since 2010. REUTERS

Afghan president expels **US forces from** key province

KABUL. Afahan President Hamid Karzai, pictured, has given U.S. special forces two weeks to leave a kev battle-



ground province after some U.S. soldiers there were found to have

tortured or even killed innocent people, the president's spokesman said yesterday.

The decision by Karzai could further complicate negotiations between the United States and Afghanistan over the presence of American troops in the country once most NATO forces leave by the end of 2014. REUTERS

On final Sunday, pope says he's following God's wishes



Pope Benedict spoke from his window for the last time yesterday, telling the faithful packed into St. Peter's Square that the first papal abdication in centuries was God's will and insisting he was not "abandoning" the church.

Four days before the 85-year-old's often troubled eight-year rule ends, new talk of scandal hit the cardinals who will choose his successor; one of them, a Scottish archbishop, had to deny a meallegation misconduct with young priests in the 1980s.

With an American cardinal urged not to go to the electoral conclave due to his role in handling sexual abuse cases in the United States and the Vatican accusing media of running smears to influence the vote, the Catholic Church faces a stormy succession.

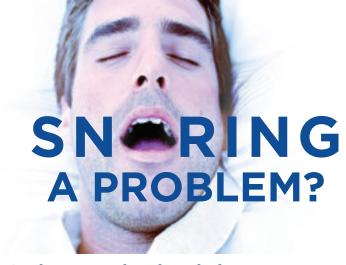
Pope Benedict, however, defended his shocking decision to resign as dictated by his failing health; his address yesterday to tens of thousands of wellwishers was met with calls of "Viva il Papa!" REUTERS

Activists petition LA cardinal

Roman Catholic activists on Saturday petitioned a U.S. cardinal to recuse himself from taking part in selecting a new pope so as not to insult survivors of

sexual abuse by priests committed while he was archbishop of Los Angeles.

The activists delivered a petition with nearly 10,000 signatures to the north Hollywood church where Cardinal Roger Mahony resides.



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Asterisk: The symbol of pride

Leading Native Americans in higher education take on the mark of 'statistical insignificance'

Visibility in research and data is key

When academics generate data on race in higher education, they often include an asterisk next to the Native American category. That little mark lets researchers know the population is "statistically not significant," usually meaning roughly less than 1 percent of the student population.

March, Publishing will release what is perhaps the most comprehensive collection of writing by Native American scholars to date: "Beyond the Asterisk: Understanding Native Students Higher Education." With contributions from more than a dozen leading Native Americans in higher education, the new book examines the Native American college experi-

Quoted

"One of the things that constantly came up [for the **Native American** academics was this concept of invisibility." SHOTTON

ence from almost every angle — from the first-year experience, to tribal colleges, to Native American Greek organizations and culturally sensitive hous-

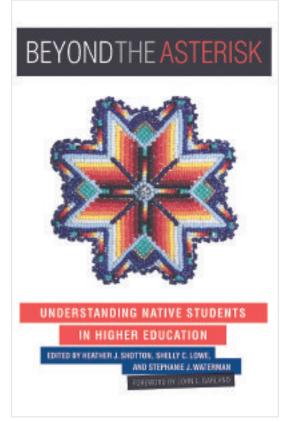
ing.
"One of the things that constantly came up [for the Native American academics] was this concept of invisibility: in scholarship, research, data, curriculum and on the campuses," says

Heather J. Shotton, the lead editor of the book. Shotton is a professor at Oklahoma University and a member of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. "For us, the idea was to offer some perspective from Native students, Native professors."

Shotton is quick to point out that the Native experience is different from other minority groups.

"I think what separates Native students is that Native people are not just a racial or ethnic group. We are also considered a political group," she says. "We are citizens of sovereign nations — tribal nations, but also citizens of the United States."





Education notes

CFPB seeks input on student loans

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Thursday that it is seeking suggestions on how to develop a plan to help borrowers of private student loans find more affordable repayment options.

The U.S. consumer watchdog said it is studying the issue because millions of Americans graduate from college with huge amounts of student loan debt.

According to the CFPB, student loan borrowing has crossed the \$1 trillion mark with more than \$150 billion in private loans. A report from October 2012 found more than \$8 billion in defaulted student loan balances.

The CFPB said it is takina comments through its website until April 8 and will make the information public soon after. REUTERS



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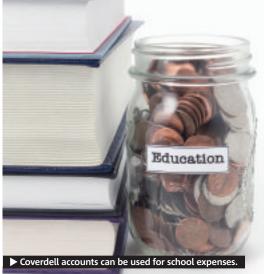
What is a Coverdell savings account?

• Earnings grow tax-free • For parents of children with special needs These savings accounts can help cover education costs

Coverdell education savings accounts have never really drawn headlines, even when unexpectedly saved from extinction as part of Washington's "fiscal cliff" deal.

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- Dorothy Robinson will return on Feb. 26

'Argo,' 'Pi' take Oscars



In a rare Oscars tie, the award for Best Sound Editing was shared by "Zero Dark Thirty" and 'Skyfall." For history buffs, the last time there was a tie for an Oscar was in 1968, when Barbra Streisand shared the award for Best with Actress Katharine



Hepburn. Daniel Day-Lewis also made history Sunday night by becoming the first actor to win three Best Actor trophies after his win for "Lincoln."

As expected, **Michael Haneke**'s "Amour" won for Best Foreign Language Film and Anne Hathaway earned a trophy for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Les Miserables" as the tragic Fantine. "I look up to you all so much, and it's just been such an honor," Hathaway said, paying tribute to her fellow nominees. And Adele easily took the Best Song category for "Skyfall," tearing up in the middle of her speech and letting cowriter Paul Epworth finish

Awards aside, the ceremony itself was something of a mixed bag as hosted by "Family Guy" creator and Best Song nominee Seth MacFarlane. MacFarlane opened the show by doing the seemingly impossible: making usually dour Tommy Lee Jones smile and laugh. He also poked fun at other nominees — "If you bumped into Don Cheadle on the studio lot, did you try to free him?" he asked nominee Day-Lewis. "How far did your Method go?" - and himself. His monologue was in-William terrupted by Shatner chastising him onscreen for doing a poor job, including singing a song about Oscar-nominated actresses going topless called



"We Saw Your Boobs."

But it was rough sailing from there, including awkward bits by Paul Rudd and Melissa McCarthy and the cast of "The Avengers." The choice to use the theme from "Jaws" to play off winners when they go long was particularly odd. One of the highlights of the ceremony was a rendition of "Goldfinger" by **Dame** Shirley Bassey during a tribute to the Bond franchise, even if it did seem too brief. Later in the show. Best Song nominee Adele kept the Bond love going with a stirring rendition of "Skyfall." And Catherine Zeta-Jones wowed the audience with "All That Jazz" from "Chicago" during a tribute to movie musicals.



The feed ..

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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I want to wish Daniel
Day Lewis luck today.
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job as Lincoln, but I
would have brought
more layers to it.

@Oprah

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The weekend's

other awards

CESARS: Friday night brought with it the Cesars, France's answer to the Academy Awards. Michael Haneke's "Amour" won Best Film, while Ben Affleck's "Argo" earned Best Foreign Film. "Amour" earned four other trophies as well, including Best Director and Original Screenplay for Haneke, Best Actor for Jean-Louis Trintignant and Best Actress for Emmanuelle Riva, who was also nominated for an Oscar for her performance. "Rust and Bone," a surprise shut-out at the Oscars, picked up two Cesars — Best Adapted Screenplay for Jacques Audiard and Best Male Newcomer for Matthias Schoenaerts.

SPIRIT AWARDS: Oscar hopeful "Silver Linings Playbook" dominated the Film Independent Spirit Awards, held Saturday afternoon in a tent on the beach in Santa Monica. "Silver Linings" nabbed the top prize,



won statues for best director and best screenplay, and Jennifer Lawrence won best actress. The film's stiffest competition, fellow Oscar-nominee "Beasts of the Southern Wild," earned one award, going to Ben Richardson for best cinematography. John Hawkes and Oscar nominee Helen Hunt picked up best actor and best supporting actress statues for "The Sessions," while Matthew McConaughey won best supporting actor for "Magic Mike."

while David O. Russell

RAZZIES: Members of the Hollywood community with more of a sense of humor spent Oscars Eve announcing the winners of the Golden Raspberries or Razzie — dubious awards marking the worst in cinema for the year. "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2" dominated Saturday night, earning seven awards including worst film, worst ensemble cast, worst actress for Kristen Stewart, worst supporting actor for Taylor Lautner and worst director for Bill Condon.



ew York City is raising the bar to help all students succeed in today's rapidly changing world. This spring, for the first time, State reading and math tests for students in grades three to eight will be tied to the more challenging Common Core Learning Standards. These tests will be harder, but they will establish a new baseline for measuring student performance—and give parents and teachers the information they need to keep students on track for college and 21st century jobs.

This month's education insert includes answers to frequently asked questions about the Common Core, along with information on parent-teacher conferences, a scholarship program for high school seniors, and a new online service to help students enroll and succeed in college. For more information, search NYC.gov for Common Core Parent Resources.

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This first-of-its-kind web resource provides neighborhood- and city-specific resources to help students prepare for and graduate from college. The site was created by Graduate NYC!, the Department of Education, City University of New York, and the Options Center of Goddard Riverside. The service is free and is updated regularly.

NYC College Line covers everything from admissions, to financial aid, to summer internship programs for families, students and professionals. Parents and students can find local programs for SAT preparation and academic support. They can visit, join, or open an online forum about their most pressing college-related concerns. Through the "Ask an Adviser" service, families can receive rapid support from an expert in the field.

During February and March, you can apply for a \$500 scholarship or prize online.

To get started, visit NYCCollegeLine.org.

Ask Your Child's Teacher...

Parent-teacher conferences start this week (see *Calendar* for dates). Attending is one of the best ways to stay updated about your child's education. Here are some questions to ask your child's teacher during the conferences and throughout the year.

- What is my child expected to learn, know, and do at this grade level? How will it be assessed?
- How are the Common Core Learning Standards being used in my child's classroom?
- How is my child's class work preparing him or her for college and career success?
- What kind of work should my child be doing at home to support what is taking place in the classroom?
- What does my child do well? What does my child struggle with?

- What can I do to prepare my child for the next school year?
- Does my child show a commitment to school? Is he or she attending school consistently?
- Does my child set and strive for appropriate goals?
- Does my child finish tasks even when he or she encounters setbacks?
- Does my child know his or her personal strengths?
- Does my child know the supports available to him or her?
- Is my child able to advocate on his or her own behalf?

If you have a question related to a non-academic issue, call your child's school and ask to speak to the parent coordinator.

Apply for the Janine Brawer "Gift of Life" Scholarship

High school seniors who will be attending college in the fall of 2013 are invited to apply for the Janine Brawer "Gift of Life" Scholarship.

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To keep Janine's memory alive and convince others to become organ donors, the Brawer family began the "Gift of Life" Scholarship. One winner receives a \$5,000 scholarship, and four runners-up receive \$2,500 scholarships.

To apply, and to learn more about the Janine Brawer Scholarship Foundation, visit the Fund for Public Schools website at fundforpublicschools.org.

Nominate Your Teacher for the First Annual Big Apple Awards

Great teachers change lives. They unlock their students' potential and put them on a path to success.

If you know an outstanding New York City public school teacher who is making a meaningful impact on the lives of students, nominate him or her for the first annual Big Apple Awards. This year, the Department of Education will recognize 10 exceptional teachers with a monetary prize and a classroom grant.

Anyone—parents, students, teachers, principals, community members—can submit a nomination for a current full-time teacher who has demonstrated success in the classroom. Finalists will be interviewed and visited in their classrooms. Awardees will be announced and honored at a celebration in June.

The deadline for nominations is March 13, 2013. To nominate your teacher, visit NYC.gov and search for Big Apple Awards.



The Common Core:

Preparing Students for College and Careers

This spring, for the first time, State reading and math tests for students in grades three to eight will be tied to the Common Core Learning Standards. Tests for high school students will begin to change in the 2013-14 school year.

The Common Core standards set higher academic expectations to help students develop the skills they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about the new standards.

What are the Common Core Learning Standards?

The standards describe what students from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade need to learn to graduate from high school ready for college and a great career. This includes the ability to think creatively, solve real-world problems, make effective arguments, and engage in debates.

How will State tests for students in grades three to eight change this year?

Both this year and next year, the content of the State tests in reading and math will align with the Common Core standards. Reading passages will be harder, and math problems will involve multiple steps. But the format of the tests will be similar to past years: they will include about the same number of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. Two years from now, the format of the State tests is expected to change, too. Tests will include more writing, and more complex and open-ended math problems.

Will test scores change as a result of the harder tests?

This year's State tests will likely be more difficult to pass, at first. The more difficult tests will establish a new baseline for measuring student performance. This change is important. It will give teachers and parents the information they need to keep students on track for college and 21st century jobs.

HOW YOUR CHILD'S LESSONS ARE CHANGING

In English Language Arts, students are:

- Reading and discussing increasing amounts of non-fiction, along with fiction
- Reading more challenging material closely
- Using evidence to make arguments in writing

In math, students are:

- Spending more time learning about fewer, key concepts
- Showing that they understand how and why the math works
- Applying math to real-world situations

How will this year's test scores affect my child's ability to be promoted, or accepted to a selective school?

In past years, decisions about summer school were made based on estimates of each student's performance level on the State tests: 1, 2, 3, or 4. This year, because the tests are new, it is not clear how the State will determine performance levels. Instead, the New York City Department of Education

(DOE) will look at students' overall scores: how many questions each student got right. Students with the lowest scores will be recommended for summer school.

The number of students attending summer school is expected to be similar to last year. The students who need the most help will still receive the most support. Likewise, students who earn the highest scores—even if those scores are lower than in past years—will still have access to screened middle and high schools.

How is the Department of Education supporting students and teachers?

The shift to the Common Core is a national challenge, and New York City schools are leading the way. Since New York State adopted the Common Core in 2010, the DOE's central staff, networks, and principals have provided teachers with extra training and instructional resources, with support from the GE Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Schools have identified thousands of teacher-leaders who are helping their colleagues align their teaching to the Common Core standards. Tens of thousands of New York City teachers, along with teachers in every state and around the world, are using the DOE's Common Core Library, an online resource that has been endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education. As a result, over the last two years, students have been doing more work that reflects the Common Core. Teachers are providing extra support to students who are struggling with the new coursework.

How can I support my child?

One of the best ways to help your child excel is to attend parent-teacher conferences (see *Calendar* for dates). If your child is struggling with the more difficult coursework, ask his or her teachers what supports are available.

Where can I get more information?

The DOE has developed a set of parent resources that includes information about the Common Core standards, changes to assignments, tips for talking to children about the State tests, and resources to use at home. Visit NYC.gov and search for Common Core Parent Resources. The updated For Families page includes a letter from Chancellor Dennis Walcott. You can also view a recorded webinar featuring the Chancellor answering parents' questions about the Common Core standards.

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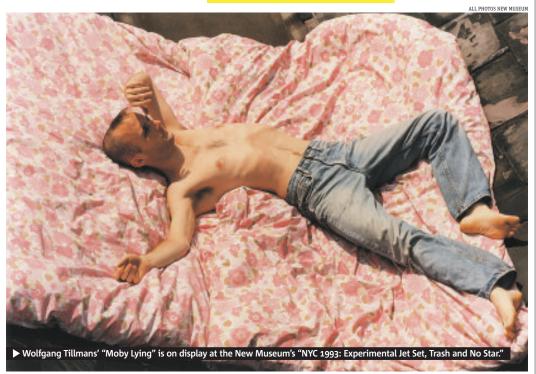
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You are old: Art exhibit on 1993

• The New Museum's new exhibit 'NYC 1993: Experimental Jet Set, Trash and No Star' encourages a dialogue with the past

ood news, everyone: Beavis and Butt-Head are 20 years old. The year 1993 began with the split Czechoslovakia and ended (though few knew it at the time) with the murder of Brandon Teena. In between were peace attempts in the Mideast, a major LGBT march in Washington, a national health-care debate and a couple of action pics from Sylvester Stallone.

"Though it's 20 years ago, it feels like the world we're living in now," says Carrion-Murayari, one of the curators of the New Museum's exhibit "NYC 1993: Experimental Jet Set, Trash and No Star" (a nod to Sonic Youth). The exhibition presents pieces that either originated out of the city's thriving art scene or debuted at one of its galleries.

Despite reminders of 20-year-old events — as seen on the 12 TVs on the fifth floor that relentlessly spin through the events of each of the year's days the series is not about nos-



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talgia. Instead it's a dialogue with the past. Though in several cases little has changed, the works show artists confronting major socio-political issues, sometimes for the first

time. Race, gender politics, homosexuality, the family, mortality, taste - all are bluntly questioned. Marlene McCarthy's "In Honor of Allen Schindler" pays tribute to soldiers murdered for their homosexuality, Cheryl Donegan's video "Head" confronts the sexualization of women.

"We identified 1993 as this turning point in which there emerged a new generation separate from the one in the '80s. There were a number of exhibitions that year that broke this new generation of New

York artists to the larger says Carrion-Murayari. Indeed, one can see some of the first public pieces by Matthew Barney, John Currin and Sean Landers. The exhibit also features work by already established names like Cindy Sherman, Todd Haynes and Brit Derek Jarman, represented by "Blue," his filmic swan song, made when he had partially lost his sight due to AIDS-related complications. (He died the next

Not all of the work was appreciated at the time. Carrion-Murayari brings up Glenn Ligon, whose work — including his amusingly conceptual "Red Portfolio" photos, on display in the exhibit — initially drew ire. Today he's hailed as a great artist. "Some works have lost their shock value," she says. "But that allows us to be more considerate and more thoughtful about what they mean."

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'Catfish: The TV Show'

REALITY. It's hard to look away from this docuseries of poor shmoes getting faked out by digital romance, where love really is blind. 11 p.m., MTV

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A show within a show

• There is nothing too meta' for the new CW mystery series • Show follows a reporter as he uncovers the enigmatic horde of radical, cult-like fans of a hit television show called ... 'Cult'

The new mystery series "Cult" follows investigative journalist Jeff Sefton (Matt Davis) as the disappearance of his brother leads him into the dark underworld of the rabid, cult-like fans of a hit TV show called — you guessed it — "Cult." It's about a cult with a charismatic leader named Billy Grimm, who is played by an actor named Roger Reeves, who is played, in real life, by Robert Knepper. Still with us?

'What was interesting to me was to try to create a show that was truly unique, was truly different. And in doing so, yeah, it can make it a little harder to explain and describe," creator Rockne S. O'Bannon admits. "It's also a show with a lot going on, and I have a great deal of faith and trust in the audience to be able to hook into that. But we're very aware that we have a complex, multifaceted show going on, and we're trying to keep it as clear in our heads as possible."

veteran "Farscape" creator O'Bannon says he is no stranger to obsessed fans.



Staying close to home

"Cult" marks another CW series for star Matt Davis, whose "Vampire Diaries" character, Alaric, bit the dust at the end of last season. Luckily, the network had another role in mind for him.

"I knew that they were going to write Alaric off

the show, and I called my agents to let them know that I needed to find another job. And they sent me a few scripts over the weekend, one of which was 'Cult.' And it was clearly the best one of the bunch." he savs.

The producer felt the same about Davis, making him an offer for the role right away.

"The origin of the show actually did come out of my 'Farscape' experience, where I witnessed the kind of incredible fan passion for a show and the ability of fans to find each other through social media and connect up," he says. "It started me thinking, what if the show were something with a little bit darker edge, and what kind of fans would that draw?

Multilayered mysteries and disappearances are one thing, but the showwithin-a-show conceit also gives O'Bannon and his writers chances for inside jokes that play with the audience even more.

"From our perspective, there is nothing too meta," O'Bannon says. "One of the things that I really got excited about was how to create a visceral experience for the audience and really try to take the glass away from between the television show and the audience, take away that control. ... I'm hoping that the audiences will go along for the ride."



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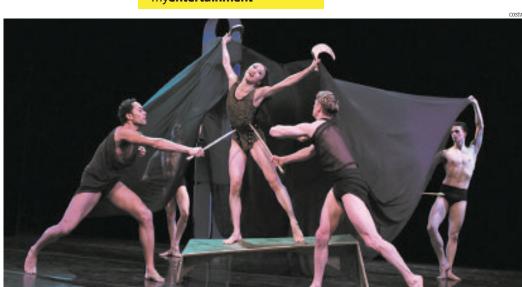




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'Angels' of all kinds visit Joyce

"Phaedra," one of Graham's works from the '60s, is now showing at Joyce Theater.

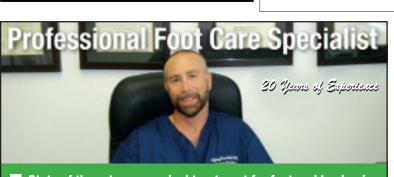
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The Martha Graham Dance Company just can't catch a break. Finally back on its feet after years of legal turthe 87-year-old troupe last year gloried in its move to the Greenwich Village studios vacated by Merce Cunningham's defunct organization, only to have its basement storage swamped space Hurricane Sandy. Priceless sets and costumes were damaged or destroyed.

Janet Eilber, current artistic director, faces two challenges: getting the Graham classics back onstage after this crushing blow and adding new works to the repertory to attract young audiences.

Scores of volunteers are helping by restoring the scenery, lending costumes (the ensemble will dance Graham's lovely "Diversion of Angels" in dresses belonging to American Ballet Theatre) and donating choreography, time and money. The current Joyce season includes a new Luca Veggetti piece and a preview of a work by Nacho Duato.

Program A features "The Show (Achilles Heels)," Richard Move's fantasia on themes from Homer's "Iliad." Originally commissioned by Mikhail Baryshnikov (whose voice still lingers on the voiceover), this cheeky piece includes a game show and songs by Deborah Harry of Blondie in its Arto Lindsay score. It has its charms notably the physiques of many nearly naked young men, a meme Move borrows from Graham herself. as well as Natasha Diamond-Walker playing a horse. And 1962's "Phaedra," not Graham's best work, also shares this program.

Program B, three vintage Graham works, is for purists; Program C includes her "Angels" and others' variations on her themes



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Our thoughts about money make us feel a certain way, and that feeling gives off an energy that either supports our earning capacity or negatively affects it. Energy is currency. In order to use our energy to earn more and have financial freedom, we need

to clean up our thoughts and beliefs.

Our fearful beliefs around money block abundance in many ways. If you want to clear those blocks, you first have to become conscious of them. Many folks dwell in a lack mentality, believing that there will never be enough. Then there are those people who place external power on money and see themselves as not good enough if they don't have a lot. Another way fear blocks our earning capacity is through the belief that there's not enough to go around. This belief system weakens your energy and therefore lessons your earning capacity.

Get honest with yourself and identify whether one or more of these fears have blocked you. Your honesty is the first step to



clearing these patterns. Throughout the day, witness your thoughts, energy and behavior around money. Take note of how your energy either supports your earning or weakens

Then, in the moment, you can create a perceptual Immediately forgive yourself for having that thought and choose to see it differently. Choose a new thought, like "I am grateful for what I do have and I choose not to focus on my lack." This simple shift can redirect your

nother great tip for shifting your energy around money comes from Marie Forleo, entrepreneurial exZen in the city



— **Gabrielle Bernstein** is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

pert and the founder of Rich Happy and Hot B-Forleo says: "Realize vou are on this earth for a reason and the world needs that special gift that only you have. By devaluing yourself or failing to get your talent out into the world, you're stealing from those who need you most. Commit to clean up your beliefs and behavior around money and you'll be on your way to enjoy a truly rich life, inside and out."

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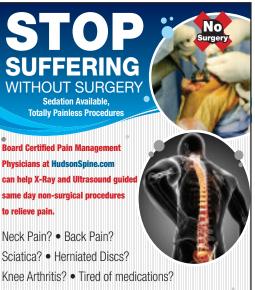
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"Antidepressants should be used for major depression, not when one is simply stressed or feeling down."

practitioners and a desire for a quick, albeit temporary, fix. Patients are too quick to ask for medications, and doctors are too quick to prescribe them.

Every week I see new patients who are loaded up on meds thanks to their previous provider prescribing for the equivalent of a psychological sniffle. Next time you're offered mindaltering drugs as if they're Halloween candy, here's what to ask your doctor: If you didn't have a prescription pad, how would you treat the problem? What would happen if I didn't take medication?

Antidepressants should be used for major depression with severe and persistent symptoms, not when one is simply stressed or feeling down. There are specific symptoms that need to be present to properly diagnose major depression. If this is accurately done, then medication should be a consideration for a treatment option. However, know that they are not a panacea and not nearly as effective as medication combined with chotherapy.

Be a good consumer and remain aware of medication's side effects, which can sometimes be as bad as or worse than the symptoms being treated. For example, a diminished sex drive and weight gain are common side effects to antidepressants. Be open to alternative treatment options and know that medications are not the be-all, end-all.

Life can be really tough. Know, however, that long before medications, people found ways to cope. Medication provides a temporary relief, lasting only as long as you continue to take it, and it doesn't provide insight or teach you skills or new ways to deal. By contrast, a good therapist will teach you how to change your thinking, balance work, life and relationships, and to be fearless rather than fearful. To learn more ways to be fearless and not rely so heavily on medications, check out my book, "BE FEARLESS: Change Your Life in 28 Days.

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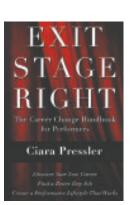
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How to perform successfully offstage

Didn't nab that Oscar? How to take your skills as a performer into a new career • Ask for the salary you deserve • Work smart

aking the decision to jump careers is a tough one, especially when leaving a personal passion behind. Ciara Pressler, a former performer and the author of "Exit Stage Right: The Career Change Handbook for Performers," says that "if your dreams have changed, that's okay. It's time to find your next career passion. The point is to keep evolving as a person and let your career reflect that.

What is the best way to mentally prepare for such a change?

The key is to be honest with yourself about what you want now, which may no longer be the exact same passion as when you started out. It seems daunting to navigate a career change, but there is a stepby-step process you can follow to move forward with less stress and more support.

Source: Scarborough R2 2012

What are common struggles people face in making the choice to leave a performing career?

Performers don't realize the wealth of strengths and experience they bring to another role, even in a new industry. The skills and habits developed through performing can put you ahead of most job candidates, if you understand how to position yourself for your target job.

What are the best ways to keep engaged in your field not as a performer?

Engagement is a choice. Know what motivates you to stay in the game. Create short-term goals and make decision to approach your job with the same creativity and dedication to excellence that you brought to your performing career.

What are mistakes people make in getting that first full-time job offstage?

Undervaluing themselves. Performers work for free too often or are paid far



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less than they deserve, and then they bring that baggage to the next career. It's important to establish your value through negotiating confidently, working smart over hard and maintaining a loyal network.



Advice

- Get clear on whether it's time to fix your performing career, find a better support career, or change careers altogether.
- Start with your strengths, then organize your résumé and cover letter to showcase what makes vou unique.
- It really is about who you know - networking and making authentic connections should be a priority.

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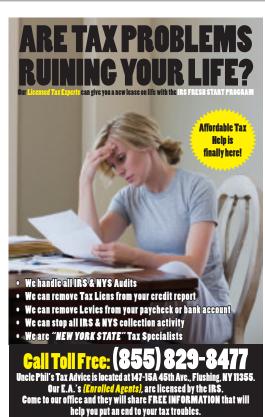
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Aries March 21-April 19. You're

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Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. When negotiating an important agreement, know what you're getting into and be mindful of the small details especially if you know that you'll be held to exacting terms

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you'll need to have the courage to speak out for the things you believe in. However, do so in a respectful manner.

- Gancer June 21-July 22. Be careful about usurping an associate's ideas. Chances are vou could easily miss the most important point and lose the message in the translation.
- Ω Leo July 23-Aug. 22. There is a strong chance that something that looks good on paper might not work too well in reality. Before getting too deeply involved, study the matter much more carefully.
- TV Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You'll encounter far less opposition if vou do what needs to be done without calling any attention to yourself. It's OK to aim high, but do so behind closed doors or in the shadows.
- ← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. If an old, trusted friend tells you

something in confidence that he or she doesn't want revealed to others, make sure this person's trust is justified abide by his or her wishes.

- M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Falling short of your mark might be traceable to your methods and not to the nature of the project itself. Working hard is part of the solution, but you must be smart as well.
- ✓ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Wishful thinking will lead to repeating an old mistake, even if you know better. It's foolish to believe that doing the same thing could lead to a totally different conclusion.
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Letters

Dogs are cute, but they aren't human

RE: "THE FAMILY PET IS AS AS VALUABLE AS YOUR KID" (METRO, FEB. 22-24) What is wrong with people nowadays? The pet is nowhere near equal to kids. And if you believe so, you are just as insane as McCready. If a gunman said only one shall live bye-bye, Fido. We can get another.

WILLIAM BUTLER, VIA E-MAIL

I have had and enjoyed dogs and cats over the years. They should be treated with kindness. I have no problem locking

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JOSEPH DUNLAVEY, VIA E-MAIL

up animal abusers for the criminals that they are.

However, I do not equate animals with human life. To fling this hatred on a woman so disturbed that she took her own life is more than a little shocking it's vile. Dogs and cats are not human beings! MICHAEL WALSH, VIA E-MAIL

Paris isn't tinted with roses - that's just your glasses

RE: "BECAUSE NOTHING'S

AS HEALTHY AS THE FRENCH ECONOMY" (METRO, FEB. 22-24) The letter to the editor about how well people live in France was interesting, yet flawed. Letter writer Lewis Walsh said that Americans should emulate the wonderful standard of living and overall happiness of the French. The author does not seem to be aware that in each of the past several years, workingclass neighborhoods outside Paris have erupted in riots, with more than 1,000 cars set on fire to protest poor living standards and high unemployment. Unemployment in France — which is suffering from poor competitiveness and high taxes — is about 11 percent, much worse than the stubbornly high 8 percent that America has suffered during the Obama administration. RON FALCON, VIA E-MAIL

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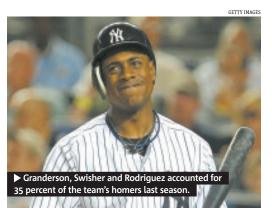
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Granderson out with broken arm



The Yankees were dealt a crushing blow to already questionable offense yesterday.

Curtis Granderson was hit by a pitch from Toronto's J.A. Happ in his first at-bat in Sunday's spring training game and suffered a fractured right forearm. The injury will not require surgery, but he will be out about 10 weeks. That timetable means Granderson will be out until mid-May.

Next batter up?

The Yankees have very few options to replace the injured Granderson.

- Within: Melky Mesa and Zoilo Almonte both have limited experience. Infielder Eduardo Nunez is also an option.
- Outside: Former Yankee Alfonso Soriano might be available in a trade.

"It's just a little bump in the road," Granderson said. "It's definitely not the end of everything.

The Yankees were counting on Granderson to provide power for a lineup which lost Nick Swisher and his 24 home runs from last year to free agency. They will also be without Alex Rodriguez, who will miss at least the first half of the season after offseason hip surgery.

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Knicks pull out win, end streak

Oritty defense, feisty 'Melo stop skid at four • Chandler cleans glass, Stoudemire scores 22

The Knicks needed to flex some muscle as they entered last night's game on a four-game skid, so leave it to defensive anchor Tyson Chandler to lead the way.

The Knicks got off the schneid with a 99-93 win over the 76ers.

Chandler's impact wasn't necessarily felt in the box score, as he had 14 rebounds and just five points, but it was the edge he played with all game that affected the vouthful Sixers.

The Knicks (33-20) used a 28-18 advantage in the second quarter as they im-

90Stoudemire Shot 9-of-10 (90 percent) from the field in his best performance since his return from injury.

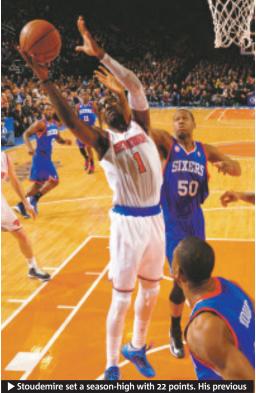
posed their will on the Sixers (22-32), including a stretch in which the Knicks held the Sixers to 2-of-10 shooting to start the quarter.

Philadelphia managed to make a game of it in the final eight minutes of the third quarter as they used a 27-16 run to close it out and cut the deficit to single digits for the first time

since the opening quarter. It was an impressive turnaround for a Sixers team that seemed down and out Anthony Spencer Hawes got into a fray, resulting in doubletechnicals. Anthony's was upgraded to a flagrant-one foul for his open-handed slap to the back of Hawes's head. Cooler heads prevailed on both

Anthony led the Knicks with 29 points, while Amar'e Stoudemire had 22 off the bench.





high was 21 points against the Kings on Feb. 2.

Nets lose to Grizz on Williams miss

With 19.2 seconds left, Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov rose from his seat in his suite high atop the Barclays Center.

Prokhorov, like many in the crowd, was anticipating a game-tying shot. Eleven seconds later.



his face was buried in his hands as Deron Williams's attempt fell short into Tayshaun Prince's grasp and the Nets wound up with a 76-72 loss to the Grizzlies.

The Nets dropped their second straight game with Joe Johnson watching in a suit from the bench because of a

sore left heel.

The Nets were unable to overcome Johnson's absence because Brook Lopez was ineffective in the post. He sat for the entire fourth quarter and was held to nine points while shooting 3-of-10. Williams finished with 24 points.

LARRY FLEISHER

In the news



Jeter will return in two weeks

Get out your calendars and circle the day, Yankees fans. Derek Jeter will be cleared to play on March 10.

General manager Brian Cashman said the Yankee captain will be ready to play in games and prepare for the season beginning in two weeks, when there will be 19 games left before Opening Day.

'Twenty days of **Derek Jeter in spring** training is still better than whatever the alternative we're go ing to run out there," Cashman told reporters in spring training camp

yesterday. Jeter broke his ankle in the ALCS last season against the Tigers. The team was swept out of the postseason.

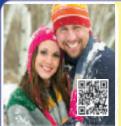












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Johnson wins Daytona; Patrick first woman to lead, finishes in Top 10

Danica Patrick made history at the Daytona 500, but it was Jimmie Johnson who took the win.

The five-time Sprint Cup champion held off a late charge from Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark Martin to win his second Daytona 500 trophy.

Patrick was third behind Johnson and Greg Biffle heading into the final lap, but got shuffled back and finished eighth. It was the highest finish ever by a woman in the Daytona 500, and her five laps led were also the first by a woman.

Maybe even more surprisingly, there was no "big one" — the always expected multicar crash that has become so com-



Results

Finishing order and number of laps led:

- 1.) Jimmie Johnson (17)
- 2.) Dale Earnhardt Jr. (0)
- 3.) Mark Martin (0)
- 4.) Brad Keselowski (13)
- 5.) Ryan Newman (3)
- 6.) Greg Biffle (0) 7.) Regan Smith (1)
- 8.) Danica Patrick (5)
- 9.) Michael McDowell (0)
- 10.) J.J. Yeley (0)

mon at restrictor plate tracks. One day after 28 spectators were injured in such a crash during the Nationwide series event on Saturday, the Sprint Cup's Super Bowl went off mostly without a hitch.

The biggest crash of the day came early, as ticontenders and Stewart Kevin Harvick were among eight cars caught up in a melee on lap 34. They finished 41st and 42nd, respectively.

Two-time winner Matt Kenseth led the most laps (86), but finished 37th af-

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Sports in brief

Harvey makes spring debut

MLB. Young ace Matt Harvey made his spring training debut for the Mets yesterday.

Harvey surrendered two hits, including a homer to former Mets prospect Fernando Martinez, over two innings. Harvey, who is expected to be the team's No. 4 starter, said after the game that he was generally happy with his effort but needed to work on his con-

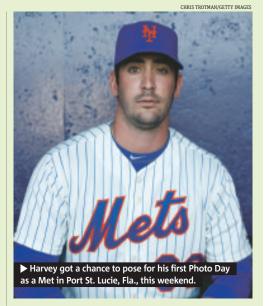
Fellow super prospect Travid d'Arnaud also made his debut, going 0-for-3 from the seventh spot in the order.

The game ended in a 7-7 tie against Houston. METRO

A-Rod's cousin sells title ring

MLB. Alex Rodriguez just can't find a friend — even when he's part of his own

Yuri Sucart, the infamous cousin the Yankees third baseman indicated as his steroid supplier when



The opening bid for a replica of Rodriguez's ring will be \$5,000 at Goldinauctions.com.

he played for the Rangers, is auctioning off a 2009 World Series ring given to him by Rodriguez, according to the Daily News.

Rodriguez paid for the replica to be made and gave them to several friends and family members. The ring is up for auction online for a starting bid of \$5,000. **METRO**

St. John's loses to No. 20 Pitt

NCAA. St. John's blew a chance to earn a quality win, losing 63-47 to No. 20 Pittsburgh at the Garden.

The Red Storm (16-11) are currently on the tournament bubble, according to most projections.

Leading scorer D'Angelo Harrison struggled all game, shooting 1-of-12 and finishing with six points.

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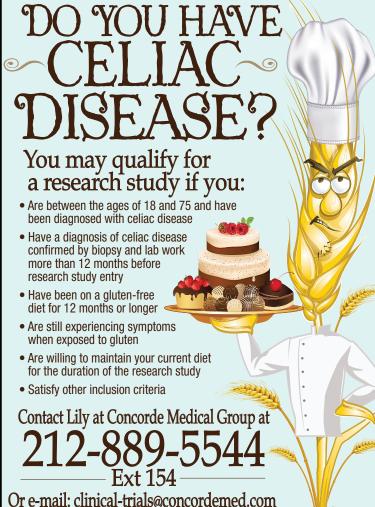
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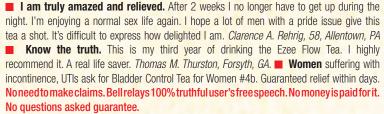
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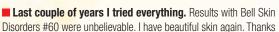
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